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man's trust in God and man's deepest religious experiences.

If, for instance, we read his short poem to which, 'for a Westerner he gives the surprising title of *Brahma* and ponder the truths it states, then, with no exaggeration we may say that a thoughtful reader can discover in it the distilled spirit of the Vedanta doctrine, and that to the West, with its scientific pursuits and humane pre-occupations, he therein disclosed the sublime verities of the deep mysticism of the East. From this stand-point, it has been reported of him, that, during his English tour, some of his friends who found him, as they thought, incurably and unreasoningly optimistic, since he always persisted in the profession that all is good in, this world, took him to-Newgale Prison, filled with hundreds of criminals of all varieties, guilty of all kinds of degrading doings, and enquired, (What do you say now ? Is this a good world ? ' And with 'that deep-founded, rock-based faith of his, Emerson answers ' Yes ; the world is yet good/

The thought in his mind was akin to the noteworthy observation of another great thinker that every jail, coxxeptly understood, humanely used and prayerfully adJxnnistered,

is verily a hospital for the sick soul. It is not the-stone walk
that indicate the purpose of a jail. The faith which, rather,
is the background of a jail, is that as the criminal, wisely
handled and sympathetically directed, undergoes the ordeal
of imprisonment, his soul will also progress through the
purgatory of penitence into the paradise of a reclaimed child
of God. It was this faith that helped Emerson to see nothing
dismal in the spectacle before him and to declare confidently
that, not merely in spite of the jail, but even because of it,
the world is, indeed a good world—a God-fashioned and
God-governed world."

According to the Rishis, morality is the very essence of
spiritual life. The hidden root, the secret spring of morality
is religion. The two run so close into each other that, if
separated, each by itself is useless or aimless. Without